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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to Office Action dated February 15, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment dated September 26, 2005 was received, and a Petition to Revive accompanies this response.

In the Office Action, the application was made subject to an election of species requirement. Included is a requirement to elect one of the following species:

Species 1 shown in FIGURES 1-3;

Species 2 shown in FIGURE 6;

Species 3 shown in FIGURE 7;

Species 4 shown in FIGURE 8; and

Species 5 shown in FIGURE 10.

Further, an election of subspecies is required, between:

Species 6 wherein the exfoliation device is an abrasive surface;

Species 7 wherein the exfoliation device is a brush;

In addition to the above, a further election of subspecies is required, between:

Species 8 shown in FIGURES 9 and 9a; and

Species 9 shown in FIGURE 3.